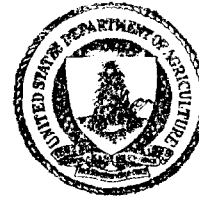




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WOOD DUCK HUNTING PROHIBITED

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Wood ducks may not be hunted in Minnesota or in any other State at any season, according to the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, which administers the migratory-bird treaty act. This is a Federal law under which the hunting, killing, or possessing of wood ducks is prohibited at all times throughout the United States and by treaty throughout Canada also. This game law, having been upheld by the United States Supreme Court, makes inoperative the amendment to the game laws of Minnesota passed at the last session of the State legislature, providing an open season on wood ducks. Thus, hunters will not be allowed to exercise the privilege accorded them by the State law, and persons found hunting, killing, or possessing wood ducks at any time will be subject to prosecution in the Federal courts.

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